



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

05/05/04
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 10%

For the week ending May 01, 2004, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 9.8% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3million) decreased 9.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 4.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.8 million for the week ending April 24, 2004 compared to 10.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/06/04	14,829	13,917	10,815	11,199	10,817	11,202
03/13/04	14,995	13,782	11,405	11,226	11,405	11,227
03/20/04	14,400	13,774	11,592	11,393	11,595	11,395
03/27/04	14,356	13,931	12,210	11,328	12,210	11,628
04/03/04	15,118	13,856	12,425	11,217	12,427	11,428
04/10/04	15,032	13,925	11,861	11,175	11,861	11,175
04/17/04	15,202	13,705	11,822	11,362	11,825	11,362
04/24/04	14,457	13,963	12,499	11,357	12,596	11,357
05/01/04	14,491	13,836	12,448	11,317	12,546	11,317

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	05/08/04			
New York Weighted Avg	76.85	76.36	76.33	52.36
12-City Composite 2/	77.83	76.05	76.77	58.10

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.